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See attached response to Reply Brief.

Examiner's Response to Reply Brief

1. The reply brief filed 06/30/2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
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